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NORTH AMERICAN'S BASEBALL EDITION A TREAT FOR FANS

Exceptional as were the special baseball editions that marked the opening of the baseball seasons of 1906 and 1907, the twelve-page supplement in colors, which will be a feature of *The North American* of Sunday, May 10th, will eclipse them both.

Never before has there been such baseball activity as this year. In addition to the organizations of last year the American, National, Atlantic, Tristate and Intercounty leagues, a host of new leagues are in the field, including the Union, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, North Penn, Main Line, Lebanon, Susquehanna, etc.

Followers of any of these clubs will find their interests well cared for in the big special edition. The batting and fielding figures of the American, National and Tristate for 1907 are given in full, a reference to settle future arguments.

The chase for the pennant, that trophy which is the most sought of all rewards for athletic effort, forms the subject of a first-page story and a striking illustration in colors.

George M. Graham, *The North American's* sporting editor, has an article on the managers of the Tristate teams.

School news, a specialty of *The North American*, is taken care of with a full page. Colleges, especially those of Pennsylvania, are correspondingly taken care of.

The back page, in colors, is given up to two striking groups, profile studies of every member of the Phillies and Athletics, something that every fan will want to keep.

Throughout Pennsylvania there are hundreds of independent clubs, who draw big crowds and have the backing of the entire town. These are all cared for in this supplement.

Altogether, the names of 10,000 players figure in this edition.

Thousands were unable to get copies of previous baseball editions. Order from your newsdealer now.

OUR NOISY CONVENTIONS

For many years national conventions were comparatively quiet and business-like affairs. The delegates journeyed from their homes singly to the place of meeting, where they convened in an ordinary hall. No nominating speeches were made, and there were no cheering crowds. Balloting proceeded with as much decorum as in a parish meeting.

Now cities clamor for the "concession" of a national convention and subscribe a $100,000 guarantee in order to obtain the privilege. Delegates go in special trains, attended often by bands and banner bearers, and each delegation takes up a section of a hotel for its exclusive accommodation.

The convention hall is a vast auditorium, and spectators hold tickets to the show at prices which are the envy of an operatic impresario. Into the huge structure 10,000, 13,000 and even 20,000 people swarm, completely surrounding and hanging over the few hundred delegates.

In the shouting and tumult there is no opportunity for deliberation, while debate is a physical impossibility except to the few whom nature has endowed with throats like organ pipes.

A national convention voice is a rare gift. Some of the best speakers in the country are flat failures in this extravagant and roaring arena. Of speech-making there is no end, but argument would be ill-timed and misplaced. The true and only aim of convention oratory is to rip the blue empyrean and split the ears of the clacquing boomers.

Well may Mr. Bryce have said in his "American Commonwealth:" "A European is astonished to see 800 men prepare to transact the two most difficult pieces of business an assembly can undertake, the solemn consideration of their principles and the selection of the person they wish to place at the head of the nation, in the sight and hearing of 12,000 other men and women."—*Boston Globe.*

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

The pulverized washing powders last much longer if used from a talcum powders shaker. A baking powder can with holes punched through the lid may be utilized for the purpose.

Buy a strip of asbestos cloth and use small squares to interline your iron-holders. Keep a good-sized piece fastened to your ironing board to save the sheet, and lap a square under the table pad where the meat platter rests.

Candles will burn slowly and steadily through the evening if they are kept on the ice all day. Save the candle ends, melt, add an equal quantity of turpentine, and you will have a good polish for floors and oilcloth.

If a short strip of kid (from a glove) is sewed to the centre of a necktie, the leather will hold the tie in place against a polished collar.

Slightly dampen the edge of new table linen with soapy water after the hem has been turned, and when dry the cloth will be like soft linen to sew through.

The torn leaf of a book can be mended by pasting new, white tissue paper over it with transparent paste. The print will show through.

Let eyeglasses lie in alcohol for a few moments, then polish with chamois. If the glasses are set into gold frames a fine camel's hair brush will lift the dust from the edges and make them look like new.

Have a pair of men's buckskin gloves a size too large for the hands to use when sweeping and some other kinds of housework. They will slip on and off readily and protect the hands.

Soap well applied to drawer slides will keep the drawers in furniture and closets from sticking.

The back porch should not be overlooked; make it as pleasant as you can for those who work around the kitchen.

Cream 24 hours old and very cold always whips best.

Cutting onions, turnips and carrots across the fibre makes them more tender when cooked.

Weak ammonia water will clean hair brushes very rapidly and will keep the bristles white and stiff.

To clean a chiffon blouse cover the blouse with powdered ammonia, roll it up tightly and leave it for a day or two. Then shake out the blouse, which will look like new.

Too frequent wearing of rubbers and rubber overshoes is a frequent source of tender feet. Stout shoes with heavy soles are the best for out-of-door use

Fried cabbage is particularly good at this time of year. First boil the cabbage until tender, and when cold cut into small pieces. Cut some slices of bacon into strips, and put them into the frying pan. When they have commenced to cook, and the bottom of the pan is well greased, add the cabbage and fry until a light brown, Season with salt and pepper.

Roses may be kept fresh for a week by exercising a little judgment in the care of them. When they first come in from the florist arrange them in a good sized deep vase to provide plenty of space and moisture. Freshen the stems every day by cutting off an inch or two with a knife. Never use scissors for this purpose, as they compress the wood cells and leave them so tightly pinched together that they cannot absorb the water in the vase. If the room becomes overheated, move the roses to a cooler place. At night fill a wash basin with cold water and throw flowers into it.

To wash green striped Madras curtains lay them in water to which two tablespoonfuls of vinegar have been added. This will set the color. Wring from this light solution and place in soap suds made from warm water and white soap. Lift up and down, then rinse in warm water, adding a few drops of ammonia. Dry as quickly as possible.

Excessive perspiration of the hands may be treated by bathing them three times a day with a mixture of four ounces of alcohol and half an ounce of belladonna Moisten the palms well and let the lotion dry on. Before putting on gloves dust with a powder made of one dram each of oxide of zinc and boracic acid in powder, two drams of lycopodium powder half an ounce of starch and a quarter of an ounce of powdered orris. Sift together many times to mix well. This may be applied at night as well as through the day.

A French woman who knows the value of small savings never throws away the root ends of celery stalks, but dries them and uses them in soups. There is always a pot of parsley growing in her kitchen. The steam from the cooking, she says, makes the kitchen an ideal place for the window garden.

Matting requires special attention, ordinary scrubbing with soap and water having the effect of turning the straw yellow. Most authorities recommend ordinary coarse kitchen salt as the best cleanser, this being applied with a stiff brush and plenty of tepid water. The floor under the matting should be thoroughly washed before the matting is relaid, and it is always advisable, where this has not already been done to fill up the crevices of the boards with putty.

An invention that helps one to make puffs of one's own hair without difficulty comes in the shape of a wooden roller which has a groove in one side and is accompanied by half a dozen big safety pins. The hair is wound around the roller, the pin is slipped through the groove and caught and the roller is removed and the hair pulled out in a glossy puff.

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NEW YORK FASHIONS

The dresses prepared for the coming summer are among the loveliest models evolved in fashion's realm and the lingerie gowns particularly are perfect dreams of beauty. These costumes are lavishly trimmed and most remarkable combinations of laces are found upon them. On one dress is often seen Valenciennes, filet, imitation Irish, Venise and Princess lace all united to form a single design and when embroidery is also included it is easy to see how elaborate are some of the effects.

Allover embroidery and flouncing, as well as insertion and band patterns, are also used in the construction of lingerie gowns and this affords a welcome change from the popular lace trimmed frock.

Foulard and Pongee Dresses

Foulard is as popular as ever this season and is seen in both satin and twill effects and is used for both plain and elaborate gowns. It is made up into simple shirt waist dresses or handsome jumper or guimpe frocks. Fancy buttons are used a great deal on these costumes and so are bands of satin, fancy silk braids and gimps and of course, laces and heavy lace insertions.

Pongees in natural colors and all the modish shades is made up into some beautiful costumes. A charming jumper dress of pale blue pongee in the rough weave now so fashionable had a coat to match. The princess jumper had a high girdle cut in one with the skirts, which together with the shoulder straps was elaborately braided in pale blue soutache. The coat was in the semi-fitting Directoire style and showed an elaborate pattern of braiding all around the edge and up the side seam.

The above design is by the McCall Co., of New York, Fashion Publishers and and Manufacturers of McCall Patterns.

Fashions in Footwear

Never before has Fashion so demanding that her votaries should be daintily shod in footwear that accords in tone either with the dress or its trimmings. The increasing demand for shoes made of the new Chrome tanned glazed kid which comes in several shades, is due no donbt to the fact that there is something in the tanning of the kid that makes it not only pliable and lustrous, but also impervious to moisture, so that if one is caught in a hard down-pour, one's shoes are not stretched out of shape, and, it is only necessary to wipe off the grime with a damp cloth and then rub them dry to restore all their color and finish.

Dainty Summer Parasols

Tucked parasols are very smart indeed, and the tucking is usually arranged as a border. Many effects in Copenhagen blue are seen and this shade is also very fashionable combined with other colors in parasols of tussah silk pongee or taffeta. Some elaborate linen parasols have appliqued and embroidered medallions set on over cut out portions of the body material creating a very pretty effect. These medallions are often trimmed with narrow Valenciennes lace which also edges the parasol.

Suits of Linen and Pique

Linen and pique suits in both plain and fancy styles are to be worn a great deal this summer, the larger proportion of these costumes being in the fancy lace trimmed, embroidered or soutache princess designs with a coat of the same material. White of course is the favorite shade, but more colored linens will be worn than has been the case for years, pale pink, blue and lavendar are the leading tints.

Both white and colored piques are shown trimmed with designs in soutache braiding of the same shade. There are also some smart looking white suits trimmed with thick cords covered with colored pique arranged in the form of ornaments on the front of the coat, on the sleeves and occasionally on the panels of the skirts. The skirt buttoned up the front panel is unquestionably the most popular of the newly introduced skirt styles. This model is used for both woolen, silk and cotton gowns.

LUCY CARTER.

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HER FACE HER FORTUNE

MILTON, DEL., May 4th.—Landed in this country a poor and friendless immigrant; voted the most beautiful woman in Sussex County within a few days after her arrival; introduced into society and married into a station of wealth and influence within a period of a few months—such is, in short, the remarkable and unprecedented course of events in the life of Christina Neilson, a Danish immigrant of 20 summers, who on Wednesday morning at 6.30 o'clock, became the bride of Dr. Robert Hopkins, of Milton.

The story of the brief courtship of only two weeks and the chapters leading up to the betrothal smacks of romance, and Sussex County has not yet begun to recover from the sensation. Added to the features of the story is the fact that until a short time before the wedding the bride had been in the home of former State Treasurer Charles H. Atkins.

Speaking proverbially, "her face was her fortune." When Miss Neilson, only a few months ago, bade a sad farewell to Danish soil, an honest and beautiful face was her only asset. It was with fear and uncertainty that she set foot on American shores, for in all this country there was none to whom she could turn.

Her simple honesty soon won her a good position in the Atkins home. Not until two weeks ago, however, did Dr. Hopkins first look into her comely young face, and from that time on Miss Neilson was destined to figure in one of the most striking romances ever known in this section.

Few knew of the impending marriage until Wednesday, when the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Martin Domer of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Atkins gave the bride away and the wedding was an auspicious one. The entire Atkins family was present, and the ceremony was held in the Atkins home.

Since her entry into this little town the beauty of Mrs. Hopkins had caused her to be the cynosure of all eyes. She was freely talked about and it soon became common talk that she was without doubt the most beautiful girl in Sussex County.

After a wedding trip to Washington and other points of interest, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins will make their home in Milton. Dr. Hopkins is 30 years the senior of his bride, who is 20.

THE MAY AMERICAN BOY

The fine picture of a yacht bowling along under a full spread of canvas on the front cover of the May *American Boy* speaks eloquently of the seashore and warm summer breezes. He will be a curious boy whom the contents of this number does not fully please. Jimmy Jones, Pirate; Four Boys on the Mississippi, and That Dillingham Boy increase in interest. Among the short stories are: Hanging a Bear, showing how presence of mind brought a boy safely out of a dangerous situation; For Uncle Jerry's Sake, a fine Story of Memorial Day; Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Management of a Railroad Saved by a Boy, is the story of a boy's pluck and determination to succeed; Major Billy, tells of the various pets of Uncle Sam's sailor boys; At the End of His Rope, a story of a boy's perilous adventure, and The Man Who Never Made Mistakes, showing that often "pride goeth before a fall." Of the larger articles: Hughie the Hittite being a most interesting talk with Hugh Jennings, the great baseball manager, will delight every reader. Timely articles are: From Stenographer to the President's Cabinet a short sketch of Secretary of the Treasury, and How Memorial Day Came to Be. The Boy on His Muscle and the Popular Science Department will also be found of special interest, while Forty Stunts in Magic, Hints on Trapping, Keeping Tab on the World, A Paris Cemetery for Pets, Talks with the Doctor, and the various departments are full of pleasing and instructive information. In addition there 88 illustrations. $1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2d, 1908.

A bill curtailing the power of the Federal courts in issuing injunctions was introduced in Congress this week by Representative Sereno E. Payne of New York, Republican floor leader of the House, and the presumption is that this measure reflects the sentiment of the Republican leaders of the House. There is little doubt that Mr. Payne introduced it at the urgent request of a number of Republicans who have been made uneasy by the menacing attitude assumed by representatives of organized labor. While the bill falls short of the kind which organized labor has been demanding for sometime, it is along the line of the recommendation made repeatedly by the President in his special messages to Congress. Mr. Payne's bill provides "that hereafter no preliminary injunction or restraining order shall be granted by any judge or court without notice to the party sought to be enjoined or restrained, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or judge to whom application is made that its immediate issue is necessary to prevent irreparable damage; and that the order shall contain the rule on the opposing party to show cause within five days why the order should not be issued."

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There are some indications that Speaker Cannon's power in the House is somewhat on the wane and that he is no longer to be permitted to carry things with that high handedness which has characterized his rule up to the present time. A prominent Republican leader declared that a movement is on foot, backed by between thirty and forty Republicans, to refuse consent to the passage of any financial bill at this session until they have been given a pledge that something will be done toward putting wood pulp on the free list.

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If the action taken by the Senate Committee on Commerce this week is any indication of the sentiment prevailing in the Senate, little consideration will be given to the recommendation of the President that permits to dam and otherwise interfere with the waters of navigable streams should be charged for by the Federal government and made a source of revenue. The proposition to amend the bill, in line with the President's recommendations, was defeated in committee by a vote of 5 to 3, and while there was barely a majority of the committee in attendance and the vote is not a finality, the impression prevails that it represents the view of the majority. Senator Nelson submitted an elaborate brief in which he took the ground that such a provision as desired by the President would deprive the States and riparian land owners of all rights to the use of water now guaranteed by law, and concentrate their disposal and control in the Federal government.

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Speaker Cannon has made a statement explaining that no affront to President Roosevelt was intended in the failure of the House of Representatives to receive the special message which he sent to Congress late on Monday afternoon.

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The House of Representatives has placed itself on record as favoring an investigation of the books of all interstate railroad companies in the country, to determine whether they are conducting their business in accordance with Federal law. This is quite a victory for President Roosevelt who has urged upon many representatives the necessity of this work and of making a liberal appropriation for the employment of inspectors to conduct the examination of books. The House voted to appropriate $350,000 for the purpose, overturning the action of the Committee on Appropriations which had insisted that $50,000 was sufficient to begin the work.

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The many friends of Secretary Taft are much gratified that Senator Lodge has received the proxy of Henry B. McCoy, national Republican committeeman for the Philippines, and, therefore, will sit with the committee at its long meeting in Chicago, when it will consider the contests filed with the Secretary. The National Committee includes a large majority of men of too great probity to render, knowingly, an unjust decision on any proposition which it may be called upon to settle, and the friends of Secretary Taft are confident that their candidate will receive absolutely fair play, but they believe that in the probing of any tangled cases which may be presented and in bringing out all the salients points the services of Mr. Lodge will be invaluable.

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The United States will be officially represented by Vice-President Fairbanks at Quebec, Canada, during the visit there of the Prince of Wales July 22d to 29th, on the occasion of the celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Champlain. This government will be represented, also, at these ceremonies, by a man-of-war, the new battleship New Hampshire, under command of Capt. C. McR. Winslow.

BEDROOM DON'TS

Don't cover your head with bedclothes. Covers should be light, but warm.

Don't sleep in too cold a room. From 55 to 60 degrees F. is about the right temperature.

Don't fill your bedroom with knick-knacks and draperies. Have it as plain, clean and dust free as possible.

Don't expose the pillows to the sun, as it draws the oil out of the feathers. The bed and bedding should be given a daily sun bath, but the pillows should be placed out of the sunlight, but in a direct current of air.

Don't lie in the same position all night. Turn from one side to the other.

Don't doze all evening, but if you are tired give into it and go to bed.

Don't go to bed with a sensation of hunger. Take any light, simple food you wish and that agrees with you.

Don't go to bed with cold feet. See to it that your feet are warm before you get into bed.

SULPHUR PREVENTS EPIDEMICS

George T. Angell of Boston, gives testimony in regard to sulphur as a preventive of epidemic diseases. In a recent article in *Our Dumb Animals* he says: "Grip has been widely prevailing in the United States. Many years ago, when it was widely prevailing in Boston, we sent an officer to a large match factory, who found that not a single person of all employed there had been troubled by the grip, the reason being that they were at work on sulphur. We have several times published articles on this subject, showing that in sulphur mines everybody escaped the malaria which was prevailing all about them, that in California men engaged in bleaching with brimstone fumes escaped epidemics. Casey Young, a member of Congress from Memphis, Tennessee, assured us many years ago at Washington that when the yellow fever was raging in that city he advised some dozen or more gentlemen in his offices to wear powdered sulphur in their shoes, and all who took his advice escaped the fever. It is well known that the old practice of taking sulphur and molasses in the spring would so penetrate the body as to blacken the silver coins in the pockets of the persons taking it. We wish that some of our eminent physicians would carefully investigate the advisability of wearing powdered sulphur about the body in times of epidemic diseases." It is reasonable to suppose that the manufacture in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, of sulphuric acid has proven a preventive of epidemic diseases here, as this community has been for many years free from epidemics of any kind. It is only when the escape of the fumes is great that vegetation is blighted.

TEACHERS' SALARIES INCREASED

The recent legislature passed a law increasing the salaries of public school teachers in all the counties of Maryland. The regulations for increasing these salaries are contained in the following section of the law:

"Section 122½. That all white teachers holding a first-class teacher's certificate and having taught for a period of three years in any of the public schools of the State of Maryland shall receive as a salary not less than $350 per annum, and provided further that if such teacher holds a first-class certificate and has taught in the public schools of Maryland for a period of five years, he or she shall receive as a salary not less than $400 per annum; and provided further that if a teacher holds a first-class certificate and has taught in the public schools of Maryland for a period of eight years he or she shall receive as a salary not less than $450 per annum and provided that if a teacher holds a second-class certificate and has taught in the public schools of Maryland for a period of eight years he or she shall receive as a salary not less than $350 per annum, and the county commissioners of the several counties shall levy a sufficient amount to meet the increase of salary provided for in this act."

PENNSY'S SHREWD FINANCING

The Pennsylvania Railroad's latest financing—the sale of $40,000,000 of its consolidated mortgage bonds—is regarded as one of the shrewdest pieces of business acumen that has ever been displayed in this country.

The question has been asked who discovered that the Pennsylvania had $87,000,000 of such bonds available for issue at this late day.

"That is just where the keen foresight of the management comes in," said a well-known financier. "The tactics of the shrewd general of army were pursued. He held in reserve his strong force; to be brought to the front at the right moment. This is exactly what the Pennsylvania management has done. It did not issue these bonds at a time when car trust certificates, convertible bonds, etc., had a ready market. They were held in reserve for a condition of affairs such as has existed for months past. Had these consolidated bonds been sold during the period the company was issuing other classes of securities, it is quite probable that considerable difficulty would have been met at this time in placing car trusts and convertible bonds. It was a shrewd move, and once again reflects the foresight of the Pennsylvania management."

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Be particular to discredit the motives of public spirited men.
Lengthen your face when a stranger speaks of locating in your town.
If a man wants to buy your property ask him two prices for it.
If he wants anybody's else, interfere, and discourage him.
Refuse to see the merit in any scheme that does not exactly benefit you.
Run down your newspapers.
Run down your officers.
Run down everything and everybody but Number One.
Talk in the barber shops and loafing places, of how bad times are, of how everything and everybody is going to the "demnitionbow-wows."
If a rich man gives you employment snarl at him; if he has no work for you snap at him; if he speaks to you grunt at him; if he pays no attention to you bite him.
If a poor man works for you swear at him; if he does not, be discourteous to him; if he asks you for work, offer him a nickle; if he refuses to work for you for lower wages than he can afford, use your influence to keep him from working for any one else.
Say your town is the worst place in all christendom; has meaner people, overreaching business men, conniving neighbors, in fact, see no good in it, and speak no good of it, and you'll have a change to grumble, growl and swear to your heart's content, while better and more consistent men will get the rewards of the faithful and the plums of life.

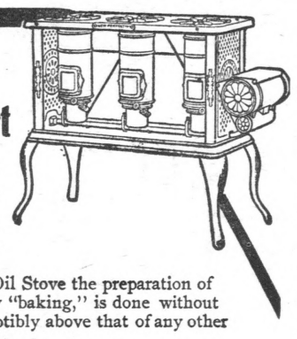
THE CIGARETTE FIEND

Our readers will pardon us if we use a little slang in expressing our views of the victims of cigarettes. Say, you young kid, you're a nice snipe with that cigarette under your nose, ain't you? You're the kind of a soft, pliable, flappy piece of a boy, all weakness and moral imbecility which the toughs take as apprentices and educate in the deep, dark mysteries of how to be bad. You are marked as a little fool by every decent man who sees you, and every time you indulge in the foolish and hurtful habit you are lessening your opportunity of being respectable. You want to be smart but you know it isn't smart, nobody thinks it is smart. If you go into a strange town your cigarette spots you as a little hoodlum and you will have to do a lot of good things before you can convince any one that you are worth having. It impairs your health and ruins your reputation and makes a contemptable monkey out of what might be a respectable boy. Your friends are ashamed of you. If you are far enough along in your habit you glory in your shame and stick to it through pure cussedness. You ought to be transformed, but your mother hasn't given you up yet and wants you near her as you are. Nobody respects you, nobody ought to. You are the blossoms that yield the fruit of idleness and shame you are the sprout from which a worthless will grow in time. You ought to quit it and you know that you ought. Why don't you?

A GREAT CHESTNUT

There is probably no man engaged in the newspaper business in this state, who is not acquainted with a man whose excuse for discontinuing his subscription is that he already "has more papers than he can read." It is only an excuse offered to ameliorate the presumed lacerated condition of the editor's feelings. It has no such effect, for in the first place an editor nevers worries over the loss of a subscriber except when he leaves the country without paying up arrearages. But why not be truthful and say to the honest newspaper man just what you feel in your heart. Go into his den, ask him how much you owe, pay the delinquincy and tell him frankly that you don't want his disreputable, blackguard sheet any longer. Say to him in a sorrowful tone of voice that you deeply regret his inability to publish a newspaper worthy the name and advise him to sell his plant to some man with a thimble full of brains and seek some occupation which does not require much wear or tear of mind. Do this and then you can go away with the comforting assurance that the editor respects you for your candor and will cherish no hard feelings because you choose to borrow his paper instead of buying it.

Plan for Summer Comfort



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WHAT WE ARE OR ARE NOT

The longer we live, the more we learn, and the more we learn, the less we think we know. Such is the inconsistency of man's ideas The less one knows the greater his opinion of his abilities and wisdom. In the morning of life a conceited man prides himself on his greatness, and wonders to what grand channel he will confine his talents. He looks upon his school district as the world at large, and himself as the great genius in whose keeping the world's nature rests. He imagines that when he speaks, nations tremble, mountains totter and the sea becomes silent.

He imagines that a gaping and wondering populace are gazing on him with open-mouthed wonder and iron-clad astonishment, and that he holds the world in the hollow of his hand with a grasp that is perpetual.

But as days, and months, and years pass in rapid succession, the young man finds out that he is possibly mistaken and if he would wander away and get lost some one or more of all the people on earth would not miss him. By and by he begins to realize that he is only one of the many millions of people, and instead of standing forth as the center of attraction, he only fills a small niche of some obscure corner, and really attracts but little attention. The ignorant man who realizes his ignorance and who does not seek to pass himself off for more than he is worth, is pardonable, but the self-conceited man who tries to pass himself off at a premium, is to be pitied. The best way is to hold one's self-esteem down and not rate himself too high. The man who climbs the highest has the farthest to fall.

It is more pleasant to be invited to take a higher seat than to be deprived of it. It is more pleasant to be king of a cottage than the servant of a palace. It is better to be a good five cent piece than a bogus quarter; in other words, it is better to hold ourselves at what we are honestly worth. The world is full of people who never learn anything because they think they know enough to begin with. Thousands are teaching when they ought to be taught; thousands believe themselves wise when their ignorance is lamentable; thousands believe themselves clothed in gold when they are only thinly plated and the copper shows through in many places. The wisest are comparatively ignorant and thousands of men who have grand ideas of their own abilities will some day wake up to the realization that they have been laboring under a large sized delusion. Many a young man's life is gilded by bright dreams that come in the early stage of the game but later on he finds that these dreams are only empty, and O, how little is the change when it comes.

WOULD BUY D. & C. CANAL

Former Senator Anthony Higgins wants the Government to purchase the Chesapeake and Delaware canal for purposes of national defense. Before the House Committee on Railways and Canals Tuesday he admitted that the canal might not be absolutely essential to the national defense, but said that if deepened to 35 feet at various places along its route and widened it would in time of war afford a strategical rendezvous for a fleet.

The hearing was on the bill of Representative Burton, of Delaware, to take over the Chesapeake and Delaware canal. Those who spoke in favor of the measure included ex-Senator Anthony Higgins, United States Senators duPont and Richardson, Representatives Wagner and Foulkrod, President Maclean, of the Wilmington Board of Trade; W. D. Mullen, S. K. Smith and W. B. Budd, Thomas Haupt, representing the Trades League of Philadelphia, Secretary Meekins, of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Commission and Captain Philip Reybold. President Moore, of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, also addressed the committee on the general proposition of a canal from Boston to Beaucroft and Key West.

Congressman Burton opened with a comprehensive speech, telling of the surveys and the legislation, and explaining that the Agnus report contained all the important literature of the subject. The best route had been finally and absolutely determined and the need of the canal was admitted by all. Now the duty was to begin work and the passage of this bill would bring to a head the efforts and ambitions of many years. Dr. Burton introduced the various speakers.

Senator duPont made a short speech fully indorsing the canal project. He believed the money would be well spent and would contribute to the national welfare.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. John Prentiss is visiting friends in town.

Miss Marion Boulden has returned to Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Barwick was a visitor in Newark part of last week.

Mrs. I. G. Ellison, of Kirkwood, spent Thursday with her mother.

Mr. Joshua Clayton, of Middletown, was a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Edward Clark has been the guest of relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Annie Boulden has returned from an extended trip to Newark.

Miss Ethel M. Ellison spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Maria Griffith.

Miss Ida Bouchelle was entertained by Mrs. H. W. Kibler part of this week.

The Reading Circle for the Second District met at the High school on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Harry Price, who has a position on the "Lord Baltimore," left for Philadelphia Thursday.

Mr. John Reed and daughter, Miss Lucy Reed, spent several days of this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kibler were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Ellison on Saturday and Sunday.

We are glad to report that Miss Louise Boulden, who was so severely burned last week, is improving.

Mrs. Byron Bouchelle and Miss Etta Ferguson spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. William Howard.

Mr. Palmer Tatman and Mr. Chadwick, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

A very pleasant play party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Biggs, near town, on Friday evening.

The rural free delivery will start from here the first of June. Mr. Carroll Wooleyham has been appointed rural carrier.

Rev. Mr. Walker, of Princeton, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at the Presbyterian Church until the first of September.

Rev. James Mitchell, of Centreville, will hold services in the Church of the Good Shepherd the first and third Sundays of each month.

At the town election held on Monday the following were elected: President, Dr. W. C. Karsner; Commissioners, Z. T. Cooling, Jr., William T. Harriott, Thomas Morris and George Peterson.

The Euchre Club was entertained by Misses Hattie Morgan and Minnie Reed on Thursday evening at the home of Miss Morgan. The prizes were won by Mrs. Julius Clayton, Miss Mary Cooper, Dr. C. C. Laws and Mr. Frank Howard.

YOUNGEST DELEGATE

Delaware has the distinction of sending the youngest lay delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Baltimore, that was ever elected in the history of Methodism. This man, young in years, but old in things accomplished, is John P. Holland, of Milford.

Not only is he the junior member of the great Christian body, but he received the highest number of votes cast for any man in the Wilmington Conference. He leads the delegation and is a member of the committee on episcopacy, the most important committee in the church. Mr. Holland is a man of exceptional ability and an orator of note throughout Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Four years ago, when but 23 years old, he was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis and was made chairman of the Delaware delegation. He was the youngest man who ever sat in a Democratic convention as a delegate. Mr. Holland is a business man of independent means and a political reformer. He has proved his metal in the local option movement on this peninsula. While in Baltimore Mr. Holland is a member of the Bishop Moore party at the Belvedere Hotel.

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JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
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From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.

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From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

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EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
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An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Seal

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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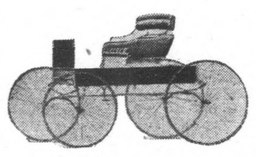

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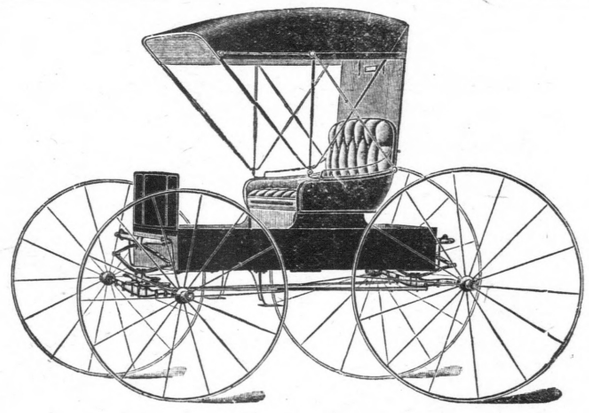

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Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m For Odessa—7.5.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

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As soon as the weather permits the Century Club will have gravel hauled from the gravel pit, to make a walk from town to the Forest Cemetery.

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Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 30th: Miss Sadie Shepherd, Mrs. Hattie Townsend, Mr. John M. Clayton, Mr. Alfred Covey, Mr. Will Harris, Mr. Edward Jackson, M. J. Painter.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Being a christian. I. In our work and our play." John 5: 17; Eccl 9: 10; Prov. 17: 22. Leader. Miss May Holten.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., was visited on Tuesday evening by Grand Master Day, of Wilmington; Deputy Grand Master Beers, of Dover and Grand Marshal Mahaffy, of Wilmington, and after transacting some lodge business, a grand supper of roast turkey, oysters and other substantials were served by caterer W. B. Kates. The event was a most enjoyable one, a large number of the members of the local lodge being present.

At the regular meeting of the New Century Club Tuesday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Martha Heaton; first vice-president. Miss Mary Hutchin; second vice-president, Miss Lydia Cochran; recording secretary, Miss Laura E. Willits; assistant recording secretary, Miss Julia E. M. Lockwood; corresponding secretary, Miss May Holten; treasurer, Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd. On next Tuesday afternoon the new officers will be installed, and the installation will be followed by a Tea.

The annual Thank-Offering of the Woman's Foreigh Missionary Society of Bethesda M. E. Church will be taken to-morrow (Sunday) evening. A fine program will be rendered, choice music, consisting of solos, anthems, etc. The choir will be assisted by Mrs. Eugene Dockety. Mrs. S. L. Baldwin of Brooklyn, N. Y., a returned missionary will make the address. She is a fine speaker, well conversant with whatever she presents. We trust a full house will greet her; it is a rare opportunity. All are cordially invited.

While riding a Delaware railroad freight train near Frogtown crossing, Tuesday morning, William Harris, a white man, who said his home was at Harrisburg, was thrown from the train and narrowly escaped with his life. Harris just cleared the rails over which the train was running rapidly. He alighted on his head and was badly, although not fatally injured. When he arrived at the county hospital several hours after the fall his eyes were closed and his face was a mass of raw flesh. Harris said he was on his way to Sussex to pick fruits and berries when he was jostled from the train.

If you want a new and up-to-date coat suit for a little money, come get one of our sample suits at nearly one-half.
A. FOGEL.

The Sunday School of Forest Presbyterian Church will hold their Children's Day exercises on May 31st. A very pleasing program will be given.

FOR SALE—Earliana and Stone Tomato plants. Apply to W. T. Connellee, Middletown, Geo. Davis' store, Odessa, or at my residence. GEO. H. KOHL.

The thieves who have been keeping the residents of Townsend awake for the last six nights, tried to enter the home of Thomas Lattomus, the town postmaster, Tuesday night. Being unable to force open a back door in the postmaster's house, the thieves broke a pane of glass in a front window after forcing open the shutte s. Mr. Lattomus was awakened by the noise and got downstairs in time to see the two thieves escaping. The town people are thinking of organizing a company of men to round up the thieves. They have terrorized the neighborhood for a week.

ROAD CONTRACTS AWARDED

Contracts for building several roads in New Castle county were awarded Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the Levy Court. In giving out the contracts it was decided to make a thorough try out of limestone as a building substance and two roads will be constructed of this material. The decision in favor of limestone was made after a trip of the Levy Court to Snow Hill, Md., last week, where the members inspected a road built from limestone. The unanimous opinion of the members of the Levy Court was strongly in favor of limestone. The road they inspected had been constructed for two years and not a cent had been spent upon it for repairs. The road is said to be one of the best in that section of the country.

The roads to be constructed from limestone are the Middletown and Warwick road and the Pine Tree and Odessa road. The contracts for the building of each of these roads was awarded to Theobald Harsch. For the Middletown and Warwick road, leading from Middletown to the Maryland state line, was awarded for 13,500 feet for $12,000, the road to be completed after July at a total of $17,300. The bid of Mr. Harsch upon the Pine Tree and Odessa road was $14,000, to be completed after July for $19,330. The building of the Lancaster turnpike was awarded to John A. Kelly & Company for $15,260. This road will be constructed of Birdsboro or Wooddale stone.

The question in the two former roads being completed after July is brought about by another appropriation being due at that time. The bids for the roads were given with the understanding that the amount already in hand for those roads should be used and they be completed at the same rate after the appropriation has been received.

GOOD OLD SPRING TIME

Could Paradise be fairer? Perhaps the long and tedious winter through which we have just passed, has brightened our appreciation of this season of bud and blossom, for we enjoy all things by contract, and perhaps this passing from the snow and cold of winter to the warmth and verdure of spring at a single bound, is unprecedented in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" and produces and unwonted thrill of pleasure. At any rate you may talk of the purple haze of Italy, the vine-clad hills of France, the sea queen tints of the Emerald Isle, the quiet lanes of England fragrent with their blossoming hedgerowe; but who ever will rise with the sun these mornings can enjoy the essence of them all, and not leave their own door yards.

No sea girt isle can boast a fresher green than our grass and foliage. The air is vocal with the songs of birds and odorous from the blossoming trees. Flowers of every hue are springing from their retreats and bearing to our hearts bright promises for the morrow.

All Nature seems instinct with life and hope. Come then, ye sick and sorrowful to this feast of good things. Don't spend these precious mornings tossing on your couch, hoping the doctor will find a panacea for your ills, or that something will turn up to dissipate your gloom.

Go out to meet these healing, inspiring influences which Nature is providing for your relief, open your lungs and hearts to her sweet breath and words of cheer, and a balm more potent than any ever patented by man. A God given panacea for the ills of humanity, shall be given you. You will be glad you are alive and in this state and that it is a beautiful spring morning.

ROLLS OF HONOR

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following pupils have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of April:

HIGH SCHOOL

A Class—Blanche Deakyne. B Class—Elsie Boulden, Leanora Davis, Arthur Price. C Class—Martha Voshell, George Hukill.

DEPARTMENT No. 2

A Class—Rupert Burstan, Ruby Whitlock. B Class—Maude Taylor, Helen McDowell, Frank Richards, Viola Weber, Reba Deakyne, Irene Reed, William Eliason.

DEPARTMENT No. 3

Elizabeth Gibbs, Hannah Kirk, Laura Connellee, Edward Jones, Miriam Berkman, Myrtle Whitlock.

DEPARTMENT No. 4

A Class—Sarah Kates, Lillie Scott, Marian Vinyard, Elizabeth Alexander, Holmes Burke, Elmer Kirk, Jessie Shepherd. B Class—Clarence Weber, Artie Scott, Beulah Whitlock, Esther Williams, Lelia Pearce, Fred Baker, Charles Ritchie, Harry Segelken.

DEPARTMENT No. 5

A Class—Odel Gallagher, Clara Gallagher, Elva Marker, Alma Whitlock, Otho Scott, Mildred Vaughan, Olive Lockwood Allen John, Frank Walker, Charles Kelley, Elmer Vinyard, Charles Brynes, Foster Johnson, Cortlandt Pinder, Harry Maul. B Class—Katherine Alexander, Esther Whitlock, Margaret Pleasanton, Viola Marker, Bertha Baker, Mabel Pinder, Lelia Pratt, Millie Rosenberg, Frances Cochran, Albert Schuman, Roger Lockwood, Bryan Boulden, Harry Bingnear.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Martha Heaton has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Holten spent several days this week in Wilmington.

Mrs. T. S. Fouracre and little daughter Helen are visiting in Wilmington.

Mrs. A. L. Truax, of Wilmington, was the guest of her father here last week.

Mr. B. Lahr, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Fogel.

Miss Eliza R. Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., spent Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Laura Beasten has returned home, after a visit with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. W. V. Messick, of Smyrna, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick.

Master Frank Tyson, who has been visiting in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Mrs. E. G. Clark and daughter, Miss Agnes, are spending sometime in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Thomas Hall, of Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Hall, at the Manse.

Mrs. W. H. Moore spent last week in Philadelphia, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest G. Windle.

Mr. Benjamin Biggs, of Lawrenceville, N. J., is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. Mrs. W. B. Biggs.

Miss Jessie Atwell, has returned to her home in Pittsburg, Pa., after a two weeks' visit with Miss Eliza Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goldborough and children, of Warwick, spent Sunday with Mr. T. S. Fouracre and family.

Miss Reba Denny, of Marlton, N. J., is spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. Harry Richards, on West Main street.

Miss Ethel Dayett and friend, Mr. Raymond Pusey, of Clayton, were entertained by Miss Lydia Dockety on Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. George L. Townsend, Sr., of Odessa, will regret to learn of his serious illness. Mr. Townsend was taken to the Jefferson Hospital, in Philadelphia, yesterday, for treatment.

TRUSTING

BY S. S. C.

What though the way seem dreary,
Look above;
What though you grow weary,
Look above;
God's spirit will watch o'er you
To guide and to restore you,
His angels go before you
God is love.

Sah heart, cease your repining,
Look above;
Beyond the sun is shining,
Look above;
Though cares may now surround you
And storms of life confound you
Yet sure his mercy bounds you,
God is love.

Thy prayers shall all be answered
Never fear;
Though now thy hopes seem withered,
Brown and seer;
He chastens but to try thee,
No good will he deny thee,
But keep his precepts by thee,
He will hear.

Then rest thee in his mercy
Heart of thine;
Let my desires and wishes,
Merge with thine.
Then whatsoever befall thee,
Tho' tempests wild appall thee,
Yet he the pathway clearly
Will assign.

WARWICK

Miss Beulah Cullom is visiting in Baltimore.

Mr. John L. Lattomus visited Townsend this week.

Miss Mary Lynch has returned to her home in Elkton.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

J. W. Johns spent Saturday and Sunday at his home here.

Miss Bessie Armstrong is visiting her grandparents near town.

Mrs. Kenneth Price visited her mother, Mrs. F. L. Smith, this week.

Miss Eva Holden, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt visited Mrs. Arabella Piser on Sunday.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus is spending this week with her sister in Baltimore.

Mr. Dennis Goldsborough, of Smyrna, was in Warwick several days of last week.

Miss A. Estelle Marsh was the guest of Miss Agnes Crawley, in Middletown, last week.

The Misses Mayme Cullom and M. L. Merritt were in Port Deposit one day this week.

Senior Endeavor prayer meeting Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

A number of our town people attended the Barnum & Baily Circus, in Wilmington, on Friday.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John B. Stephens, near Cecilton, on Wednesday.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets each Tuesday evening in Merritts Hall at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear on Bohema Manor, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Merritt, accompanied by Miss S. Ethel Vinyard, visited Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Ginn, near Odessa, on Sunday.

Mr. C. Richard Manlove, of near Middletown, entertained Messrs. John L. Lattomus and W. J. B. Lofland at dinner on Wednesday.

LETTER TO N, J. WILLIAMS

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: The wear of paint goes by gallons; the less-gallons paint wears longest. The reason, of course, is its strength. It takes less gallons, because it is strong; it wears a long time, because it is strong. It is all paint and the strongest paint.

There is a best paint among allpaint paints. No two are alike, of course; One is thin, another is thick; one has too much lead, another too much zinc, another is right. The right is Devoe so far as is yet known. Perhaps somebody-else will find out a better paint than Devoe; then Devoe will become a more-gallons paint, a costlier paint, a weaker paint, a less-durable paint, a less-economical paint, a timid paint.

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ODESSA

Miss Ella Berry is visiting friends in McDonough this week.

W. F. Reed spent several days of last week with his family in Baltimore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris is spending sometime with relatives in Wilmington.

George W. Heldmyer spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Philadelphia

Mrs. John Bell, of New York City, spent last week with J. H. Massey and wife.

Sylvester D. Townsend, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday last with his parents here.

Miss Lucy Rhein is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Howard Morris, in Chester.

Mrs. Emma McClellan has returned home from Chester, where she spent several days last week.

Miss Catharine Whittock has returned to Baltimore, after spending a week with her parents near town.

Mrs. E. S. Stevens, of near town, has returned from Felton, where she spent sometime with relatives.

Mrs. Laura Dutton and daughter, Miss Lena, have returned to Middletown, after visiting relatives in and near town.

Mrs. W. F. Curtis and children, of Wilmington, is visiting at the home of her parents, D. W. Corbit and wife.

Mr. Denver Coppage and family, of Wilmington, have been the guests of his mother, Mrs. G. E. Coppage, this week.

Messrs. Delaware Davis and Levin James of this town, have disposed of their old thrashing rigs, and in place of them have a fine new "Peerless," 22-horse power rig.

On Tuesday evening of last week the League of Service of Drawyers Presbyterian Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Heldmyer. The first part of the evening was spent in business and singing, after which the guests were invited to the dining-room, where refreshments consisting of biscuit, salad, olives, cake, coffee, fruits and ice cream, were served.

The Brotherhood assisted by the ladies of St. Pauls M. E. Church of this town, will give an entertainment and strawberry festival in the Town Hall, on the evening of May 19th and 20th. On Tuesday evening, the 19th, Miss Jessie Rae Taylor of Philadelphia, an impersonator and reader, has been secured to give an entertainment. She comes highly recommended. Full particulars will be given in next week's paper.

Mr. Alfred R. Stevens formerly of this town but now of Philadelphia, and Miss Anna Olive Ludman of that city, were married on Monday afternoon, May 4th, at 3.30 o'clock, at the rectory of St. Barnabas P. E. Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. Walter G. Harett. Mr. Stevens is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth M. and the late Alfred Stevens, and is well known here, and his many friends extend to them best wishes for a long and happy married life.

The Young Peoples Home Missionary Society of Drawyers Presbyterian Church was delightfully entertained on April 30th at the home of Miss Elsa Muehlberger. After the business meeting of the society, a social time was spent in playing games and music. At a late hour the guests were invited to the dining-room, where refreshments were served. It also being Miss Elsa's birthday her friends gave her a postcard shower. She received about 60 cards.

On Friday evening last, after the usual prayer meeting of St. Pauls M. E. Church, the friends gathered at the home of their paster Rev. D. J. Givan, it being his birthday anniversary. They gathered as a surprise and gave him a handkerchief shower, which he was very much pleased with, he receiving about 45 in all. After opening them all and thanking the givers for remembering him, refreshments of cake and coffee were served, after which the guests departed for their homes wishing their pastor many happy returns of the day.

Odessa Public School Honor Roll

The following pupils of Odessa Public Schools are deserving of special mention for deportment and progress for the month of April:

Room No. 1—Minna E. Armstrong, Emma W. Penington, Mary F. Carpenter, Ethelda Webb, Ralph Shallcross, Anna May Berry, Walter J. Wiest.

Room No. 2—Robert Heller, Raynor Carrow, Frances Davis, Norman Ward, John Stidham, Viola Smith, Craig Naudain, Blanch Wiest, Edna Carpenter.

Room No. 3—Mildred Phillips, Oka Wallace, Willis Naudain, Helen Kumpel, Isabella Smith, Joseph Kumpel, Emily Webb, Dorothy Reynolds.

CECILTON

Miss Regina Price was the guest of Miss Janie Smith on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Etheringer was the guest of Mr. R. W. Blackway and wife on Sunday.

J. E. Ferguson, of Chestertown, spent a few days with relatives here this week.

Miss Lena Buckworth has been spending a few days with Miss Olive Fillingame.

Miss Eddie Price, of Middletown, is visiting her brother, Mr. Allie Price, near town.

Mrs. M. E. Freeman, of Chesapeake City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Padley.

Mr. Noble P. Ferguson, of Ford's Landing, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home here.

Durney Oldham, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. George Oldham and wife, near town.

Mr. George Padley, wife and son, and Mrs. M. E. Freeman, of Chesapeake City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis on Sunday.

Miss Mary Clark entertained the scholars of her room and teachers of the high school at her home near town on Saturday afternoon, with progressive games and refreshments.

Mrs. H. C. Ellison and two daughters, of Summit Bridge, Miss Ferguson, of Philadelphia, and Messrs. Charles and Ralph Jones, of Washington, D. C., attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas P. Jones, Sr., on Sunday.

Brown Cottage School

The following pupils have obtained an average of 90 per cent. or more for April: Bertha Manlove, Nina Castelow, Mabel Conner, Avery Donovan, Irving Sparks, Joseph Murray, Francis Murray. Miss Ada Scott, teacher.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Enthusiastic Meeting Was Held in Delaware City M. E. Church

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Castle county held its twenty-first annual convention in Delaware City M. E. Church Thursday. The representation of delegates was not large owing to the downpour of rain which continued to fall all day, but the enthusiasm was not abated and many interesting features took place in the course of the day. The state president, Mrs. Emma Caulk, was present, and the county president, Mrs. Mary B. Donnell, of Newark, presided.

The morning session was given to the roll call and reports of officers and the appointment of committees. The following were named:

Mrs. Sarah L. Foster, Wilmington, director of music.

Union Signal—Mrs. Olcott, North End W; Mrs. Harley Losey, Madeley Y; Miss Ella Ferguson, Blackbird W; Miss Lynch, Mary B. Donnell W.

Crusade Monthly—Mrs. Ella G. Henderson, Frances E. Willard W; Mrs. J. D. Prouse, Lambert W; Mrs. Anna Brown, Hillis W.

Telegrams—Mrs. M. B. Martin, Wilmington W; Mrs. Louemma Pedrick, Ella M. Thatcher W; Mrs. Corkran, Newark W; Mrs. Katharine Croes, Seberry Y, Wilmington.

Auditing—Mrs. Eli Mendinhall, Wilmington W; Mrs. T. C. McCall, Wilmington W.

Finance—Mrs. H. C. Mearns, Wilmington; Mrs. Emma Alrichs, Glasgow W; Mrs. George W. Mullin, Marshallton W; Mrs. Mary C. Kilgore, Newark W.

Courtesies—Mrs. Mary P. Challenger, New Castle W; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Webber, Christiana W; Mrs. J. R. Milligan, St. Georges W.

Credentials—Mrs. Carrie E. Rankin, Hillis W; Mrs. Mary L. Cox, Middletown W; Miss Bertha McCaulley, Wilmington Y; Miss Ethel Campbell, Newark Y; Miss Margaret Duncan, Stanton Y.

Resolutions—Mrs. L. W. Emerson, Wilmington W; Mrs. Martha S. Cranston, Newport W; Mrs. Oliver Eastburn, Hockessin W; Mrs. Euphemia Staats, Victory W; Mrs. Elizabeth Vincent, North End W.

Timekeeper—Mrs. Sarah R. Taylor, Townsend.

Literature—Mrs. Neal Conly, with selected assistants.

Tellers—Miss Rietta M. Emerson, with selected assistants.

In the afternoon officers were elected. An interesting feature was an address by Miss Sarah W. Pyle upon the work of the Peoples' Settlement.

TOWNSEND

D. B. Jones visited Milton on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. N. Watts is very ill at her home on Gray street.

Miss Meta MacSorley is suffering with the mumps at this writing.

Walter Heavellow spent the latter part of last week in Wilmington.

Messrs. Thomas Enos and Robert Rice spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts spent Sunday with relatives in Cecilton.

Leon Jones, of near Smyrna, visited Otho Marvel and wife on Sunday.

Mrs. Otho Marvel visited relatives in Philadelphia a few days last week.

Miss Mildred Ginn, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Harvey Daniels and family, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Gardner Shockley and wife visited James Ginn, near McDonough on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, of near Clayton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Lee.

Miss Lillian Denny, of Middletown, visited relatives in Townsend on Wednesday.

Lester Naylor and wife, of near McDonough, visited J. A. Hart and family on Sunday.

James Brown and wife, of Philadelphia, were called to the home of his parents on account of the serious illness of his father. Mr. Brown is critically ill at this writing.

Mr. Robert G. B. Rice who has been the guest of T. S. Enos for the past week has returned to Annapolis, to take a physical examination before entering the Naval Academy. Mr. Rice will then start for his home in Nebraska for a month's visit.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .98	Corn—Yellow, shelled	65
" No. 2		" cob	65
Timothy Seed	$3.25	Oats	70
Clover Seed	.22		

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CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	14@16
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Lard, per lb	10½@14
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A. FOGEL

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

NOTICE!

I, CALVIN P. STIDHAM, tenant of the house known as the Stidham House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June A. D. 1908, being the next term of said court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

John M. Gremminger, Andrew Wiest,
John W. Smith, Thos. P. Wallace,
Chas. Kronemeier, F. J. Penington,
Harry Wiest, Jacob Muehlberger
Victor Long, John Wiest,
William Gremminger, C. E. Stidham.
John G. Kielkopf,

CALVIN P. STIDHAM.

ODESSA, DEL., April 29th, 1908.

NOTICE!

I, J. Harry Massey, owner and tenant of the house known as the Cantwell House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions, in and for New Castle County, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June A. D. 1908, being the next term of said court, for a license of said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

John Heller, Robert Swan,
William Gremminger, W. E. Tucker,
Isaac G. Lightcap, Jr., John F. Morris,
John M. Gremminger, L. A. Plummer,
Thomas P. Wallace, H. Heller,
Jacob Muehlberger, Frank Dugan,
George Huhn.

J. HARRY MASSEY.

ODESSA, DEL., April 29th, 1908.

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A PARDONABLE DECEIT

BY ANISE MITFORD

Of course, it was a very deceitful thing to do, and I am thoroughly and heartily ashamed of have done it; and yet I would do it over again. It was entirely Dorothy's fault for being so stupid; but what can you expect from a girl whose nickname is Doll or Dolly? She has never been called by her real name, but always Doll, and as a name it certainly suits her, for, with her fair hair and large blue eyes and soft and pinky dimpled skin she is just like a doll from a very nice shop—and nearly as helpless. It was while I was staying down at Bartington that I discovered how deeply and completely Bob Eversleigh had fallen in love with Doll.

My dear child, I said, as we sat chatting together over the fire, I can't think why you are horrid to Bob, when you know you intend to marry him.

Doll, who is a little dear, but very spoilt, pouted and gave the fire a vicious dig, and then gave me a sidelong look.

But I don't know, she said, with much assumed ambition and pride, perhaps I shall make a much more brilliant match.

Perhaps, I said; but I doubt it, as you are so much in love with Mr. Eversleigh.

I? said Doll, opening her blue eyes very wide. Why, whatever put such an idea in your head?

Nothing, I responded, airily; only when people blush when other people's names are mentioned, it's no use pretending they are not in love, and I glanced at the soft and pinky face.

My dear Nell, said Dolly, with a smile, your room is really very hot; I think I'll go upstairs and dress.

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Something has happened since yesterday, although I hardly know what it really is. I only know that Bob Eversleigh left in a hurry this morning and Dolly has been suspiciously cheerful all day long; but I have not seen her now for nearly an hour, so I think I will go upstairs and, metaphorically speaking, take her evening temperature.

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I found Dolly lying on the sofa in her room, her face in a pillow that was very damp, and a small, wet handkerchief by her side.

Hello, Dolly! What's the—have you got the toothache, dear?

A stifled voice came out of the pillow. Don't be silly, Nell?

Well, I said, apologetically, you see, both words end in "ache."

She sat up, looking like a much dishevelled and well-worn doll. Oh, Nell, she cried, he—he's gone away forever! And she burst into floods of despairing tears.

New York is only sixteen miles away, I said tentatively. It's not far to motor, and I have biked as far, so he might even walk it if he were in good condition; and then the train—there is always the train!

Don't be horrid and—and make fun of me! sobbed poor little Doll. I—refused him last night.

Why? I asked, in genuine astonishment. You refused him—but why, my dear girl?

I don't know! cried Dolly. I—I think I meant him to ask me again. I said I didn't want to get engaged, and of course I thought he'd beg me to reconsider it, and make a lovely scene—and she hung her head a little—and then, of course, I meant to come round in the end.

I burst out laughing; I could not help it. My dear Doll, I said, men don't make scenes in these days—excepting in books. Of course, if you said you didn't want him and told him to go away——

Yes—but he ought to have known that I did not mean it! sobbed little Doll I don't like girls who jump at an offer, and I didn't want to be too eager; but I wish I hadn't refused him now, and—oh, Nell, I am so very miserable!

Why don't you write and ask him back?

What! she echoed indignantly. Write and ask him back again! How can you ask me? Never! I—I'd sooner die!

Then, my dear, I said with sympathy, I'm sorry, but you'll have to die.

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Dolly was really growing pale and thin. There is no doubt that some women fade almost perceptibly under the very first breath of grief, and I began to be really alarmed about my little childish friend, and really afraid she would fade away. She declined to go to any parties or take any interest in anything, and as she had not told her people about her proposal and had bound me to strict secrecy, no one knew what she was fretting about. I knew Bob Eversleigh fairly well, but not well enough to mention so delicate a subject to him. What, therefore, could I possibly do to bring them together?

I thought of all sorts of schemes, but none of them looked promising. In my desperation I even considered sending for Bob and explaining the whole situation to him. But, as I have just said, I did not know him very well, so I was in doubt as to how he might take such a proceeding; and there was the awkward possibility that I might, by too precipitate action, offend the gentleman and get both Doll and myself into a peck of trouble. What to do I did not know.

I sat and thought and racked my brain, and finally took up Doll's last despairing letter and read it slowly through. In the midst of my sympathy I could not help feeling some wonder as to why women confide their love affairs in people—I never could; but then I've nothing to confide. Poor little Doll! I felt I must answer her letter and try to console her, so I wrote her a long letter and told her how sorry I was for all her grief, and how I quite understood how sad she must feel!

You have indeed, I said in my letter—you have indeed thrown away your happiness in a foolish manner, and if Mr. Eversleigh were not an idiot he would have known you really loved him and that it was only your natural modesty that made you refuse him, and so on and so on. And then I wrote another note to Bob and asked him to come around and dine.

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It was too days later when my door was flung suddenly open and Doll, unannounced, rushed into the room.

Oh, you darling, darling Nell! she cried, and, running to me, clasped me in her arms.

What's the matter? I gasped, as I glanced at the flushed and radiant face. Whatever is the matter, Doll?

Oh, you'd never guess, said Dolly; but the other day you made the cleverest mistake in all the world—the best mistake you ever made.

A mistake? I echoed weakly. How and when did I make a mistake?

She laughed delightedly. Darling Nell, she said, whatever do you think you did? You know when you answered my last long letter?

Yes; what of it?

Well—she paused to turn and press my hand—you sent the one you had written to me by mistake to dear old Bob and his to me, and he rushed off at once and—and begged me to marry him; and he called himself all sorts of mean and horrid names. And now, darling Nell, we're engaged to be married, and it's all through you, and I love you so!

And once more she turned and kissed me gratefully, her pinky face a deeper rose and the big blue eyes shining with happiness. And that is why—although, of course, it was very deceitful—I really believe, under the same circumstances, I would do it again.

"MERRY WIDOW" HATS

The Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Association is waging an active war on the "Merry Widow" hat. At the weekly meeting of the clergymen in Union Church in that city Monday almost the entire session was occupied with a discussion on the latest feminine head gear. The matter was brought up by Rev. Dr. Kellog, pastor of Grace Church, the wealthiest of the denomination in Delaware. Both Dr. Kellog and Rev. Mr. Stephenson, pastor of Scott Church, placed themselves on record as being strongly opposed to the new hats, because the large rims prevent other worshipers from even seeing the preacher. They declared that if women persisted in wearing the "Merry Widow" hats men would refuse to attend the services; they would become tired of seeing nothing but hats. The discussion was long, but the matter did not come to a vote. The understanding was reached, however, that female worshipers wearing these hats must remove them upon entering the church in order to give the men a chance.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Cabbage and other plant lice are best controlled by spraying with kerosene emulsion, using the 15 per cent. solution—a solution containing 15 per cent. of kerosene. If the lice are on trees, flowers or rose bushes, tobacco decoction may be used with good results. The tobacco decoction is made by taking three pounds of tobacco stems and five gallons of water, and boiling for two hours. It is used without diluting, but must not be applied too hot, or it may scald the plants. If treatment is begun in time, plant lice can be controlled. It must be done before the leaves are curled so the spray cannot reach the pests. There should be several sprayings, four or five days apart, as one spraying will not completely do the work. Clean culture is important in fighting these insects, as with many others.

A large majority of gardeners and farmers never properly estimate the advantage of thinning their crops. If strictly adhered to the yield would be greatly increased and the quality greatly improved.

Artichokes are in some little demand in city markets during early spring for pickling. They must be fairly smooth, uniform and large, and washed very clean. Only a few produce dealers handle them.

The pigs should have access to a pile of charred cobs or dry wood ashes, as it is beneficial in correcting the acids and aids in the bone development of the animal. The elements which go to bone-building animals are impaired to them when they are enabled to get charcoal, and it is quite as important as salt. Charcoal will also tend to prevent worms in hogs and cattle.

Turnips, carrots and potatoes are excellent in the rotation of farm crops. A very successful farmer grows wheat, clover, corn, oats and turnips, and turnips, carrots or potatoes, beginning with wheat again. By this system clover is the main crop, and the land is benefitted, while corn and the root crops demand cultivation, thus keeping the land clean, and making a six-year rotation.

Horseradish is commonly grown from offsets and not from seed. Some claim they have best success in growing it as a second crop after early cabbage, beets, etc. The crop is dug in the fall, the small roots removed and cut into sets four to six inches long. The top end is cut square and the bottom end slanting, so as to make no mistake in planting. These are tied in bundles and kept over winter in sand. In spring, after the cabbage are set out, a row of horseradish is planted between the cabbage rows. Small holes are made with a light crowbar or long stick, and the sets dropped in and covered two or three inches deep, so that they do not come up until July 1st. The roots are dug very late in the fall. Any deep, rich, well-drained soil will answer for horseradish.

Bush lima beans should be set two feet apart in the rows.

If the ground is cultivated often enough no weeds can grow, and if the ground for a crop is carefully prepared before putting in the seed, by deep plowing and frequent harrowing, the cultivation required after the plants are up need not be more than one inch deep. If this is done after every rain, there can be no weeds, and they will become fewer every year, while the cultivation will prevent loss of moisture in the soil by affording a loose covering of dry earth.

The ground should never be allowed to become baked, as in this condition a great deal of moisture is lost, unnecessarily.

Cultivation is a moisture conservator, but if the ground is dry don't run the cultivator teeth deep; keep the top soil stirred only.

The late peas should be planted deeper, so they will stand the dry spells better.

Saltpeter water—one ounce of saltpeter to a gallon of water—is a good spray for rust on bean vines and bushes.

For the purpose of improving the soil, there is nothing better than green crops plowed under. For this the cow pea is the most popular, especially for medium or light soil. The proper time for sowing is May or June, using at the rate of one and one-half bushels of seed to the acre. As soon as the crop has gained its full growth it should be plowed under.

Sowing cow peas is a surer and cheaper method of improving poor soil than anything else. It is a nitrogen gatherer, its growth largely enabling the farmer to dispense with the use of costly nitrogen or ammoniated fertilizers, which the cow pea extracts from the air.

Cow peas enrich the soil even when the crop is cut off. They not only make poor land rich, but good land more productive. The best varieties are claimed to be the Southern Black Eye, Black or Ram's Horn, Whip-poor-will and Clay.

The United States Department of Agriculture says peas could be made to bring more nitrogen to the soils of this country every year than is now purchased annually by the farmers at a cost of millions of dollars. If planted about the middle of May, in the central corn belt section, a crop can be cut and cured for hay the same as clover, then the stubble in a short time will put out a new growth, to be turned under in the fall as a fertilizer.

A COMPASS

Most men who own a watch think they know all about it. They have the number fixed in their memory in case it is stolen. They could probably pick it out from 50 other watches with their eyes shut. But how many men know that their watch is a compass and will tell north from south as accurately as it will tell the time of day? Stanley, the explorer, did not know it until he had groped his way through the dark continent and met a Belgian sailor on the coast. Every watch is a compass. If you point the hour hand to the sun the south is exactly half way between the hour hand and the figure XII on the dial. Suppose, for instance, it is four o'clock. Point the hand indicating 4 to the sun and the XI on the watch is exactly south. If it is 8 o'clock point the hand indicating 8 to the sun and the figure X on the dial is due south. No man need get lost if he carries a watch.

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In Old State Church, Baltimore, on Sunday, before the most fashionable congregation of that city, Bishop Paret in a special message to a confirmation class declared "rich apparel and costly dress are out of place and out of time in church. There are times and occasions for rich apparel. There are some whose station in life make it a duty sometimes to wear it. It is in place at a marriage, where scripture suggests that bride be adorned with jewels and vestures of gold. It is in place at other times of festival or social enjoyments. But it is out of place and out of time in God's worship. It is right that one should in reverence for God be decently dressed. Needlessly shabby or careless dress would be irreverent, but the gaudiness or excessive richness or personal display at such time would be as irreverent as careless shabbiness."

TIME DOES IT

Time has a wonderful power in taking the conceit out of persons. When a young man first emerges from the schools and enters upon the career of life, it is painfully amusing to witness his self-sufficiency—he would have all the world to understand that he has "learned out"—that he is master of all knowledge, and can unravel all mysteries. But as he grows older he grows wiser; he learns that he knows a great deal less than he supposed he did, and by the time he reaches three score years, he is prepared to adopt as his own the sentiment of John Wesley, who said: "When I was young I was sure of everything; in a few years, having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half so sure of most things as I was before. At present I am hardly sure of anything but what God has revealed to man."

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Seal

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY
Administratrix.

Address,
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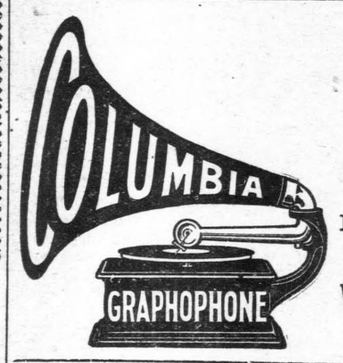

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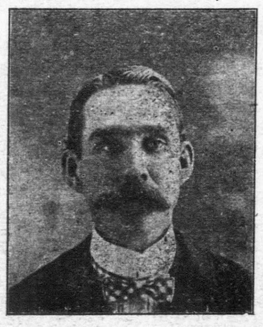

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